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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS), XF

SUBJECT: ACTION MEMO: MEETING WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION
(S/S 7730767)

TO: THE SECRETARY FROM ATHERTON

1. WE PROPOSE TO SEND THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM REQUESTING
OUR AMBASSADORS IN THE ARAB CAPITALS (EXCEPTING THOSE YOU
WILL VISIT ON YOUR TRIP) TO MEET WITH YOU ON DECEMBER 14/15
IN RIYADH OR MILDENHALL (TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS). WE
ENVISAGE THAT THE MEETINGS WOULD FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF YOUR
PAST SESSIONS WITH THE AMBASSADORS DURING YOUR PREVIOUS
MIDDLE EAST TRIPS.

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2. PROPOSED TEXT: QUOTE:

ACTION: ALGIERS, LONDON, TRIPOLI, TUNIS, MANAMA, BAGHDAD,
RABAT, MUSCAT, KUWAIT, SANA, DOHA, ABU DHABI, KHARTOUM
(ALL PRIORITY)

INFO: AMMAN, BEIRUT, CAIRO, DAMASCUS, TEL AVIV, DHAHRAN,

ALEXANDRIA, JERUSALEM, JIDDA (ALL PRIORITY)

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SUBJ: MEETING WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION

REF: STATE 290280 (NOTAL)

1. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH CHIEFS OF MISSION AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS FROM ARAB COUNTRIES HE WILL NOT BE VISITING IN GULF/ARABIAN PENINSULA AND NORTH AFRICA DURING FORTHCOMING MIDDLE EAST TRIP. GIVEN THE SECRETARY'S ITINERARY (REFTEL), WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE MOST EFFECTIVELY ACCOMPLISHED BY TWO SEPARATE MEETINGS--ONE IN RIYADH INVOLVING CHIEFS OF MISSION OF EASTERN ARAB STATES PLUS SUDAN, WHICH COULD TAKE PLACE DECEMBER 14 OR 15; AND THE OTHER AT MILDENHALL AFB, WHERE THE SECRETARY IS TO REFUEL AFTERNOON DECEMBER 15 ON HIS RETURN TO U.S., FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION OF NORTH AFRICAN COUNTRIES (MOROCCO, TUNISIA, ALGERIA AND LIBYA).

2. SECRETARY WILL WISH TO DISCUSS CURRENT STATUS OF MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS AS WELL AS TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS ON MAJOR POLICY CONCERNS IN OUR RELATIONS WITH YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES.

3. FOR JIDDA: YOU SHOULD SEEK SAG CONCURRENCE IN OUR CONFIDENTIAL

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CONVENING AMBASSADORS/PRINCIPAL OFFICERS IN RIYADH FOR THIS PURPOSE. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE SUGGESTED TIMES FOR SUCH MEETING AS SOON AS APPOINTMENTS WITH SAG OFFICIALS BEGIN TO TAKE SHAPE. EMBASSY JIDDA SHOULD ARRANGE FOR SUITABLE MEETING PLACE (ABOUT 20 MEMBERS INCLUDING SECRETARY'S PARTY) AND ACCOMMODATIONS.

4. FOR LONDON: PLEASE SEEK HMG CONCURRENCE IN CONVENING AMBASSADORS/PRINCIPAL OFFICERS AT MILDENHALL FOR MEETING WITH SECRETARY. WE ASSUME THAT APPROPRIATE ROOM FOR MEETING OF APPROXIMATELY 15 PERSONS IS AVAILABLE AT MILDENHALL BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONFIRMATION OF THIS, AS WELL AS YOUR ARRANGING FOR TRANSPORTATION OF NORTH AFRICAN CHIEFS OF MISSION TO SITE.

5. FOR ALL ADDRESSEES: ONLY UPON CONFIRMATION FROM JIDDA AND LONDON THAT SAG AND HMG HAVE NO OBJECTIONS, ADDRESSEES SHOULD INFORM HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT YOU PLAN TO MEET WITH SECRETARY DURING HIS VISIT. YOU SHOULD SAY THAT SECRETARY, WISHING TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE IN THE AREA AND BECAUSE HIS SCHEDULE WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO INCLUDE OTHER STOPS ON HIS ITINERARY, HAS ASKED TO MEET

WITH AMBASSADORS AND PRINCIPAL OFFICERS TO REVIEW REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND DISCUSS OUR RELATIONS WITH THESE COUNTRIES. YOU MAY ADD THAT YOU WILL BE INFORMING HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OF RESULTS OF DISCUSSIONS AFTER RETURN TO POST.

6. FOR MANAMA, BAGHDAD, MUSCAT, KUWAIT, SANA, DOHA, AND ABU DHABI: GIVEN THE SECRETARY'S CURRENT SCHEDULE, YOU SHOULD PLAN TO BE IN RIYADH NOT LATER THAN NOON, DECEMBER 14.

7. FOR RABAT, ALGIERS, TUNIS AND TRIPOLI: YOU SHOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE LONDON WITH SUFFICIENT TIME TO PERMIT ARRIVAL MILDENHALL ONE-HALF HOUR PRIOR TO WHEELS DOWN OF
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SECRETARY'S AIRCRAFT (1245, DECEMBER 15, UNLESS NOTIFIED TO CONTRARY).

8. FOR KHARTOUM: IN VIEW DIFFICULTY CONVENIENT TRAVEL KHARTOUM/RIYADH, BERGUS WELCOME ATTEND MILDENHALL MEETING IF HE PREFERS.

9. POSTS SHOULD FUND TRAVEL IF POSSIBLE. IF DIFFICULTIES ARISE, INFORM NEA/EX.

10. FOR RABAT AND SANA: AMBASSADORS ANDERSON AND SCOTES HAVE SEEN THIS TELEGRAM. CHARGE SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION PENDING FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.
END QUOTE.

3. RECOMMENDATION

THAT YOU APPROVE DISPATCH OF THE ABOVE MESSAGE.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

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